supplements Government's efforts to promote growth, and curb inflationary expectations arising out of the uncertainties in the domestic and international environment.

Spending on Investor Education

1079. SHRI SABIR ALI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amounts being spent on Investor Education by National Stock Exchange and Bombay Stock Exchange during the last three financial years; and

(b) the amounts granted to various NGOs/Associations and other bodies during the same period for investor education and training along with a detailed list of the same along with grants received by each individual organization?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) As informed by the National Stock Exchange (NSE) and the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) the details of amount spent by the Exchanges on investor education is as under:—

Amount Spent on Investor Education during 2005-06 *to* 2007-08

Financial Year	BSE (in Rs.)	NSE (in Rs.)
2005-06	2,85,13,000	1,29,27,903
2006-07	5,44,63,000	13,26,52,586
2007-08	2,53,61,000	5,06,82,892

The Exchanges have informed that they do not give any grants to NGOs/Associations and other bodies. However, whenever specific investor education initiatives are jointly undertaken with associations or professional bodies, the Exchanges reimburse the actual expenditure as per the agreed terms.

Proper implementation of debt waiver scheme

1080. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of farmers benefited under the debt waiver scheme, State-wise;

(b) whether there have been complaints of non-implementation of the schemes in some States; and

(c) if so, the action taken in this regard to implement it properly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) The State-wise details of the number of farmers covered under the Agricultural Debt Waiver and Debt Relief (ADWDR) Scheme, 2008 along with the total amount waived and eligible for relief is given in the Statement [Refer to the Statement opened to the answer to starred question 149 part (a)]

(b) and (c) No, Sir. No specific complaint about non-implementation of the Scheme in any State has been brought to the notice of the Government.

The Guidelines of ADWDR Scheme provide that any farmer who is aggrieved on the ground that his name has not been included in the lists of waiver/relief or on the ground that his name has been included in the wrong list or on the ground that the relief granted to him has been calculated wrongly, may make a representation through the branch from which he received the loan or directly to the Grievance Redressal Office of the lending institution concerned and every such representation shall be disposed of within 30 days of receipt thereof by passing appropriate orders thereon.

Acute shortage of employment opportunities

†1081. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that appreciation in the value of Rupee against Dollar in last three years has led to acute shortage of employment opportunities;

(b) if so, year-wise number of employment opportunities reduced;

(c) whether even after depreciation in the value of the Rupee against Dollar during the current financial year, employment opportunities have been in shortage;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) details of reduction in employment opportunities during the current financial year;

(f) whether any action plan has been chalked out by Government to tackle this situation; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) As per Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data, rupee appreciated against the dollar in 2005-06 over previous year. However, it depreciated in 2006-07 and, again appreciated in 2007-08. Even within each of these three years, there have been monthly fluctuations in the value of rupee against the dollar and sometimes, rupees has moved in opposite direction *vis-a-vis* other major currencies like Euro, Yen and Pound. Though data on employment based upon quinquennial sample surveys of National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) comes with a lag and is only available up to 2004-05, export growth rates during 2005-06 to 2007-08 were high at 23.4 per cent, 22.6 per cent and 28.9 per cent respectively and economic growth was high at 9.5 per cent, 9.7 per cent and 9.0 per cent respectively.

(c) to (e) Employment opportunities in the current financial year have been affected by the global financial crisis and economic slowdown in the major markets of India. While comprehensive employment data for current financial year is not available, as per a sample surveys conducted by

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.